

TO MAKE NO CHANGE

Ways and Means Committee
Nail a Canard.

NO CHANGE IS CONTEMPLATED

In the Clerical Association in the City
Attorney's Office—Memorial Arch
Will Come Here Next Week.

"That was an unjust and untruthful statement in the Democrat this morning regarding Mayor Ellis," said Alderman Campbell of the ways and means committee last evening, as he sat in a committee room in the city hall. "The reporter who wrote that ought to know that the ways and means committee recommended, and the council employed a stenographer to work in the city hall at a stated price, and that City Attorney Taylor does not have to go out of the building for his stenographer work. Mayor Ellis does a kind of work in the city attorney's office, that a stenographer could not do. It is false that the committee has ever talked of 'stealing Mayor Ellis'."

Mayor Ellis was seen and said: "That article did me a great injustice. I have worked in this office for five years, and in that time I have drawn every resolution for street improvements, street openings and sewer construction. Under those resolutions more than \$1,000,000 has been expended, and there has never been an objection raised to or a fine found in one of my resolutions. The Democrat accuses me of being slow. Well, slow and sure work is just what is wanted here. It will not do to make a mistake in these resolutions and papers that must go through court."

The committee on claims and accounts considered the bill for supervision assistants and will recommend that hereafter when an assistant is to be employed at the expense of the city, the supervisors report the fact to the common council. The committee had several other claims before it, but will make no recommendations on them. The committee on parks expects the stone mineral arch to arrive in about one week. The \$250 has been sent to Mr. Roberts to pay for loading the material on the cars. The money seemed to have been misappropriated, for last evening Mr. Roberts telegraphed to know what action the council had taken in the matter. He was notified that the gift had been accepted and the money forwarded.

City News in Brief

A local board of the Standard Savings and Loan association of Detroit, was organized last evening, with the following officers: President, William F. Parley; vice president, Thomas Walsh; secretary, Charles H. Winchester; treasurer, James H. Hagy; attorney, W. F. McKnight; appraiser, W. C. Brown; Dr. George L. McBride, George Tied, A. W. Lobdell.

There is a split in the Grand Rapids Bicycle club. The single men want to make it a purely athletic club while the married men favor a social club. It may be that a new club will be organized.

Giets Rejection, was joyously jumped at the Hotel Statler yesterday afternoon, while lowering a barrel of syrup into the basement. The barrel got the start of him and rolled over him.

A young men's congress of the Young Men's Christian Association held a session last night and read for the second time a bill to carry into effect the principles of the Gears law.

Nearly 300 persons attended the boiler-makers and machinists' charity ball in Company B armory on Ionia street last night. E. P. Miller orchestra furnished the music.

The State Bank of Michigan is a splendid institution in which to place your deposits. Largest capital of any savings bank in the state outside of Detroit.

Special closing out prices on blankets during this week. You could not buy a more appropriate Christmas present. See our line. Voigt, Herpolsheimer & Co.

Amos Crisman and wife have bought of Charles Cranmer and wife 100 acres of land on section eleven of Plainfield township. The consideration was \$8,000.

Those who took part in the opera "Iolanthe" met at the residence of John E. Brower last night and held a hard times social and entertainment.

W. S. Stevens, clerk of police court, has purchased a horse and cutter and was taking advantage of the rapidly vanishing snow yesterday.

R. R. Edwards of Benton Harbor had an attack of epilepsy at the union depot yesterday and was taken to the U. R. A. home.

Connor Tent No. 33, K. O. T. M., nominated its officers last evening and will hold its election next Thursday evening.

The collector who has charge of collecting the charity pledges made at the Mills carnival, reports a successful success. Mrs. Wilcox of Mt. Clemens is sponsoring the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hayward.

Peter Fortna, the veteran who broke his leg Wednesday evening, was removed to the Soldiers' home yesterday.

Blankets at prices to close them all out at Voigt, Herpolsheimer & Co. Don't miss this opportunity.

The newly elected officers of Doric lodge, F. & A. M., will be installed this evening.

Kittie Neider was arrested yesterday for assault and battery on Nettie Drummond.

A large number of persons enjoyed the skating at Reed's lake yesterday.

Mice at Prayer Meeting.

Three little church mice, weary of raking over the contribution boxes, attended a recent prayer meeting in the Park congregation church. There were many lady worshippers present, but to their credit be it recorded, not one of them jumped on a chair. Somebody squeaked a little, but the ladies all declare it was the mice themselves who made the noise. The janitor at last succeeded in ejecting the intruders and the services proceeded, after Dr. Bradley had assured his fair hearers that they might attend services next Wednesday evening without fear, as the demons would certainly discharge the present church cat and purchase an alternative mouse so that the trouble could not possibly occur again.

He Painted in Red.

Charles White, a member of the senior class in the central high school, dressed something of a monkey, yesterday morning by painting away while in the midst of his recitation of geometry. Mrs. White had sent him to the board to demonstrate a difficult theorem, and he stood there for some time unable to

accomplish the work and suddenly began to lisp. The young man has recently had the grip, and being very nervous, started to lisp after an absence of two or three days and it is supposed to be a strength. No serious result is anticipated.

WILL PERFORM THEM WELL.

Special Meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association.

There will be a meeting of those interested in giving the new opera house Christmas dinner, this evening at 7:30 in the Morton house. The object of the meeting tonight is to appoint a committee to carry out the plans for the dinner. Those who wish to contribute to the success of the dinner should send to Warren Howard at the Morton house. Many business men and several clergymen have volunteered their services as waiters on that occasion.

An Unwilling Prisoner.

The city hall reporter for The Democrat met with a distressing accident Tuesday evening. He was in the city hall office copying that office's report. Mr. Caro has gone home and the reporter was too busy to notice that William Hannon, the colored janitor, was looking up. When he reached the report he found himself a prisoner. He kicked the door and pulled himself down in an endeavor to make some one hear. Then he tried to reach the window, but he was not quite tall enough. At last a happy thought struck him, he could escape by the window. He accordingly raised a window and quietly dropped into a snow drift in the corridor. He was so hot that the snow under his feet not only melted but boiled and vanished in vapor. He rushed into the building intent on doing up the guilty janitor, but "Bill" had gone to supper.

Single Taxers Talk.

The single taxers turned out in good force last evening at their regular meeting. Jesse Skeels read a paper on the currency question, holding that more dollars were necessary in order to give the workingman more of a chance. The committee on the Henry George lecture had not received all the returns from outside cities of tickets and were given more time to report. At the next meeting of the club, which will be held January 3, W. F. Marcor will read a paper on "The Single Tax Theory Practically Considered."

Says He Is Grip Proof.

"It makes me smile," said General Passenger Agent Lockwood of the G. R. & I., "to see these people coughing and sneezing around. Nearly everybody in this office has had the grip, but I consider myself grip proof. I did not get it when I was here before, and I have no fear of it now." Some of these days the papers will print an item like this: "General Passenger Agent Lockwood is confined to his home with grip"—and then every clerk in the G. R. & I. building will cry out "hal ha!" and rejoice greatly.

Officers Elected.

Grace birt, No. 55, L. O. T. M., has elected the following officers for the coming year:
L. C.—Carrie Gilbert
L. C.—Jennie Gilliland
L. R. K.—Metta Dennis
L. P. R.—Colla Roberts
L. C.—Margaret Cuthbert
L. L.—Rosa Wenzler
M. at A.—Nellie Brennan
L. L.—Myrtle Oehenbock
L. P.—Adella Johnson
Physician—Dr. Francis Hillyer.

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Doric Lodge Officers.

Doric lodge No. 242, F. & A. M., elected officers last evening as follows:
W. M.—F. A. Brown.
G. W.—W. M. Adam.
J. W.—G. W. Hart.
Treasurer—Thomas W. Strahan.
Secretary—J. P. Wheeler.
S. D.—H. P. Belknap.
J. D.—J. C. Stevens.
Stewards—J. F. Meyers, E. Heinrich.
Tyler—Philip Young.

Should Be Dealt With Severely.

The attention of the police was called to a man who stood near the corner of Lyon and Ransom streets yesterday during the noon hour, exposing himself indecently to the high school girls as they approached the building and making indecent proposals to them. He had left and was out of sight before the police arrived. A good description was secured, however, and the officers may capture him.

Telegraph Company Change.

The offices on the Saginaw, Tuscola & Huron railroad, which have been operated for the past fifteen or eighteen months in connection with the Postal Telegraph company, will be operated by the Western Union Telegraph company from and after January 1. The transfer of these offices to the Western Union company will materially reduce rates to them from nearly all Western Union offices.

Taken to the Hospital.

Yesterday afternoon Aggie Connell, a sick and delicate nurse, was removed from her room in the Immanuel block to the U. R. A. home, by the city ambulance. The streets were crowded with holiday shoppers at the time, and considerable excitement was caused by the incident, the rumor getting abroad that the woman was dead, having expired in a dentist's chair.

Richard Murphy's Loss.

The barn of Richard Murphy, near Lowell, was burned yesterday morning. Mr. Murphy was at breakfast when he noticed the barn in flames, it having probably caught from his lantern while he was doing the chores. Seven horses in the barn were rescued. The loss will reach \$1,000; insurance, \$1,600.

It Was Four Sleightings.

Humane Agent Randolph was busy yesterday looking after badly lowered farmers' rigs which came into town on the snow and found bare ground on many of the streets. He ordered a large number of men to double their teams to pull loads over the bridges and other tough spots.

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Zierlein & Carsten, 89 Monroe street, are showing some elegant things in bric-a-brac, silverware, etc.

Dettenhauser's stock of poultry, game, oysters, fish, etc., is the largest, most complete and of the best grades to be found in the city.

Toilet sets, 12 pieces, for \$4.35 at Heyman Company.

IN FAR AWAY SIAM

Lecture by the Rev. Dan F. Bradley Last Evening.

STORIES OF A STRANGE PEOPLE

The Mineral Richness of the Kingdom—A Snake Story—The Territory Governed by France.

A large audience listened to the Rev. Dan F. Bradley's lecture last evening on "Siam, the Land of the White Elephant." The doctor was born and spent a large portion of his boyhood in that little known kingdom, which is supposed to have been once governed by the great serpent, "Mung." The lecture was illustrated by a large map of Siam, and by words and other weapons, and emblems of that strange people, including a whole table full of ornate and valuable objects, ranging from an ugly little 2 cent Buddha to creditable works of art in silver or bronze. Over the lecture platform the great red banner of Siam, emblazoned with the white elephant, was displayed.

Mr. Bradley began his talk with a description of the physical characteristics of Siam and the recent French conquests. Siam, before the recent French conquest, was about as large in area as Texas. The territory east of the Mekong river, recently seized by France, is about as large in area as Michigan. The peninsula portion of Siam is exceedingly rich in minerals and has the largest deposits of free tin in the world. Over one-third of the tin used in the world comes from Siam. This portion of the kingdom is also clothed with immense forests of teak, rose, ebony, iron, rattan, bamboo and other valuable woods and it is toward these precious forests that the eye of England is longingly turned.

Fruits of Great Siam.

A most interesting portion of the lecture was devoted to the flora of the kingdom of the white elephant. He told of fruits weighing 100 pounds which hang seventy-five feet from the ground, on the giant forest trees, and make it exceedingly dangerous for the traveler who seeks shelter under their branches when the fruit is ripening. But it was when the speaker spoke of the animal kingdom that the small boys and girls in the audience began to look alive. Of course the white elephant came first.

"The white elephant," said Mr. Bradley, "is found only in Siam and is exceedingly rare there. The souls of the deceased kings of Siam are supposed to inhabit white elephants and when one is found there is a seven days' feast in the capital, and the elephant is provided with a palace with liveried servants to wait upon him the rest of his life. Moreover, when a white elephant is found, it is considered a sure sign that the higher powers approve of the policy of the administration. I think some administrations over here might be glad if they could find a white elephant," concluded the lecturer with a smile which was warmly echoed by the older members of the audience, who could appreciate the joke.

A Snake Story.

To illustrate the abundance of snakes, Mr. Bradley told of an anecdote thirty feet long which was killed in the sewer which drained his residence. The latter part of his lecture was devoted to the government and religion of Siam. The government is an absolute monarchy and the people are merely slaves to the king, the nobles holding the position of slave drivers. Everything in the empire is taxed even to hen's eggs, and the taxes are turned out so that the farmer has frequently to pay 20 per cent of his produce to the tax-gatherer. It is a common thing for a nobleman or any one who is in financial distress to send his prettiest daughter to the palace of the king. If she finds favor in the royal eyes, she comes an object of desire to the king. If she pleases, she is merely a slave. If she tries to escape, she is tied up in a sack and thrown into the river. In conclusion Mr. Bradley discussed Buddhism as it exists in Siam. He characterized it as a religion without hope. He also told of the literary and educational facilities of the kingdom and recited some of its poems.

State News in Brief.

The Rev. William Cross of Mecosta county, has learned faithfully thirty years in the Methodist ministry, yet now, in his old age, he has not where to lay his head. His relatives, they say, accepted the property he deeded to them and then turned him adrift in the world.

Michigan State Building and Loan association has elected the following officers: President, Clarence H. Leach of Detroit; vice president, W. L. Jenks of Port Huron; secretary, W. C. Shephard of Grand Rapids; treasurer, Fred Wells of Battle Creek.

The Hon. Allen B. Morse sailed from New York yesterday to resume his job as United States consul at Glasgow. His position doesn't pay over half as well as it used to before the McKinley bill.

The Christmas extra of the Traverse City Herald is, as usual, up to the high standard of its predecessors. Editor Bates is entitled to many a merry Christmas for his annual greeting.

The Rev. William M. Campbell, Ph. D., of Rockford, Illinois, has been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Saginaw, to succeed R. T. Lynd, who has gone to Superior.

Marshall will hold a special election January 13 to vote on the proposition to bond the city for \$50,000 for a system of water works.

A Muskegon girl is staggering along under the name Ruth Grover. She is said to be willing to change her name, however.

The episcopals of Crosswell have engaged the services of the Rev. Richard Johnson of Port Huron as pastor of their church.

Hastings has the stamp craze and collectors are making life miserable to the business and professional men.

Cheboygan county will vote on a proposition to bond itself for \$35,000 to build a new court house.

Commissioner Sherwood has called for a state bank report at the close of business, December 19.

South Haven authorities will enforce the local option law and all violators will be punished.

The annual meeting of the State Millers' association will be held in Lansing January 2.

The Heywood-May Wayne county clerk contest will be taken up at Pontiac on January 2.

Lansing will purchase a 5,000,000 gallon pump for its water works at a cost of \$17,000.

The Orange has received new life and vigor in Branch and Calhoun counties.

The local township organizations are receiving numerous inquiries at every meeting.

The military academy at Orchard Lake has closed for the Christmas recess.

The farmers of Leroy and Newton have organized a co-operative treasury. Mrs. Jones' house at Wayland was damaged \$300 by fire Wednesday.

Birmingham schools have contributed \$100 for the starving miners. Hillsdale college students are having a two weeks' vacation.

Several vessels are frozen in the straits of Mackinac. The cemetery at Folgen has been permanently closed.

Holland has built 500 houses during the past five years. Kalamazoo is making a war on slot machines.

Holland has five saloons and eight churches. Mason has secured two fanning mill plants.

Hog cholera is prevalent in Dundas. Long Live the King.

If each family in this city does not have a large, plump turkey Christmas dinner, it will not be because turkeys are too high in price. Desiring more than anything else to demonstrate to the humble their desire to please, the Western Beef and Provision Company inaugurated yesterday a grand Christmas sale of meats. Profits were knocked to the winds, as the firm wants everybody to have turkey or chicken, and is willing to sell all its poultry at such an extent as to sell the toothsome poultry at a very low figure per pound. The sale opened yesterday and high piles of turkeys and chickens were sold. The firm had all the business they could tend to and are more than satisfied with the great demand made. The sale ends tomorrow night.

Large brocade sofa for \$35.00 at Heyman Company.

The only "high grade" butlerine at Harris', No. 525 South Division street.

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With very many Christmas novelties, we have the most complete line of fine table luxuries and staple groceries in the city. E. J. Herrick.

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In the name of the beautiful panel picture given this week at the Grand Union Tea Store, 63 Monroe street.

All new mixed nuts 15c per pound at Harris', No. 525 South Division street.

Mixed Nuts, Fruits, Dates, etc., at Elliott & Co's.

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Holiday slippers are sold cheapest at O'Hara's, 72 Canal street.

Match safes, opera glasses, bric-a-brac, almost everything imaginable, all new purchases at J. C. Herkner Jewelry Company.

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Dinner sets, 100 pieces, English decorated ware for \$6.00 at Heyman Company.

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Don't Know What To Buy?

Here's a Little List Of good things.

Neckwear,
Mufflers,
Handkerchiefs,
Gloves,
Collars and Cuffs,
Jewelry,
Hosiery,
Underwear,
Night Robes,
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